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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: 12 April Weekly (Saigon 22833, NODIS)

1. Only one section of this cable merits your reading: Section C on VC propaganda, paragraphs 14-16, outlining themes the Communists want to exploit to win international (including domestic U.S.) support.

2. The other matters treated are:

(a) The Saigon Port situation (paras 1-5), which has improved but not so much as Lodge indicates.

(b) Local (village/hamlet) elections now in train and VC opposition to them (paras 6-10).

(c) VC attacks on RD teams (paras 11-13).

(d) The Assembly (para 17).

(e) Vietnamese press highlights, (local comment on North Vietnamese crossing of the DMZ and on U Thant) (paras 18-19).

(f) Various statistics (paras 20-26): Chieu Hoi (still way up, over double last year so far), casualties, military action, and economic indicators.

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